

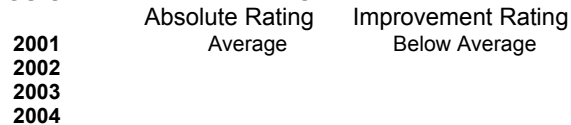
ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 91.

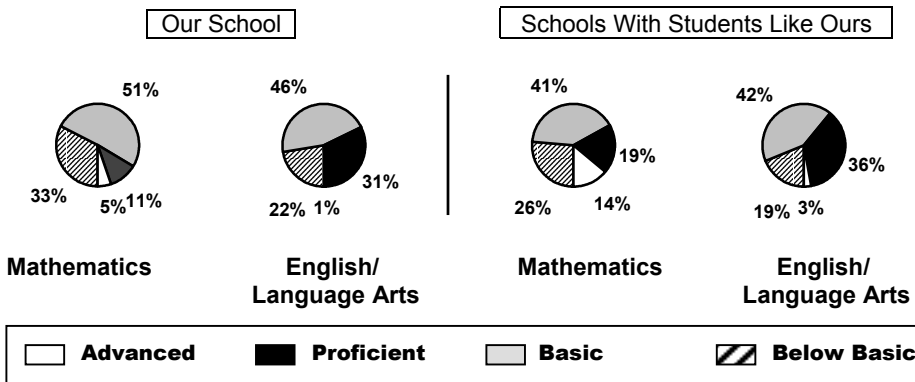
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=246)	77.6	67.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=32)	43.8	31.3		
Students without disabilities (n=214)	82.7	72.9		
Gender				
Male (n=129)	69	63.6		
Female (n=117)	87.2	71.8		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=34)	52.9	26.5		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=212)	81.6	74.1		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=106)	64.2	56.6		
Pay for lunch (n=140)	87.9	75.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,411	N/A	\$5,171	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.1%	Down from 91.4%	90.7%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.5 to 1	N/A	19.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=461)				
• Attendance Rate	96.5%	Down from 96.7%	96.3%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.8%	N/A	3.5%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.4%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.1%	Down from 98.6%	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	3.9%	Up from 3.6%	3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=29)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.5 Days	Up from 5.9	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.1%	Down from 95.2%	95.5%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	41.4%	Down from 45.2%	48%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	75.9%	Up from 62.5%	84.2%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	91.1%	Up from 90.8%	88%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,607	Up 4.3%	\$38,047	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	61%	N/A	64.8%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	2.5	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	51.6%	N/A	97.6%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	51.3%	Up from 23.1%	39.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Up from 0.5%	0.9%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	14.3%	Up from 9.9%	15.4%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Down from 7.6%	8.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a great year at Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary School. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students. One student won the district Lt. Governor's Writing Award, and another student received an honorable mention on the written exam at the York Comprehensive High School Math Competition. Several students were published in the Southern Sampler, and a HG/S student designed the district Christmas card. Many students and their parents attended our Family Science Nights.

Our school earned initial accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Students' education was enhanced through visits from storytellers, an author, and an archery expert. The staff sponsored a float in the Hickory Grove Christmas Parade.

We had excellent support from our PTO and School Improvement Council. The School Improvement Council assisted in the preparation of the SACS report. The PTO raised funds for birthday and student of the week recognitions, provided all the awards for students' achievements on Awards Day, and provided the school with new playground equipment.

Hickory Grove-Sharon Elementary School is a vital part of this community. It is a great place to learn, and a place where children come first.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	71.0	65.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	74.2	64.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	60.0	81.1	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades PK-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 461 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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